

IN THE CLAIMS

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) An Application Programming Interface (API), comprising:

a platform-independent plug-in API including a wrapper;

a browser plug-in API; and

an intermediary between said platform-independent plug-in API and said browser plug-in API wherein said wrapper is used to connect said platform independent plug-in API to said intermediary, wherein said wrapper further comprises: an interface connecting an input stream interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting an output stream interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet factory interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet peer interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a first pluglet manager interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a second pluglet manager interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet stream information interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet stream listener interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a first pluglet tag information interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; and an interface connecting a second pluglet tag information interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary.

10-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method for implementing an API, comprising:

obtaining a platform-independent plug-in API including a wrapper;

obtaining a browser plug-in API; and

positioning an intermediary between said platform-independent plug-in API and said browser plug-in API wherein said wrapper is used to connect said platform independent plug-in API to said intermediary, wherein said wrapper further comprises: an interface connecting an input stream interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting an output stream interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet factory interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet peer interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a first pluglet manager interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a second pluglet manager interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet stream information interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet stream listener interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a first pluglet tag information interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; and an interface connecting a second pluglet tag information interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary.

19-26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein
configured to implement an API, said computer program product comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to define a platform-independent
plug-in API including a wrapper;

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to define a browser plug-in API;
and

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to position an intermediary
between said platform-independent plug-in API and said browser plug-in API wherein said
wrapper is used to connect said platform independent plug-in API to said intermediary,

wherein said wrapper further comprises: an interface connecting an input stream interface
of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting an output stream
interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet
interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet
factory interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting
a pluglet peer interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface
connecting a first pluglet manager interface of said platform independent API to said
intermediary; an interface connecting a second pluglet manager interface of said platform
independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet stream information
interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a pluglet

stream listener interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; an interface connecting a first pluglet tag information interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary; and an interface connecting a second pluglet tag information interface of said platform independent API to said intermediary.